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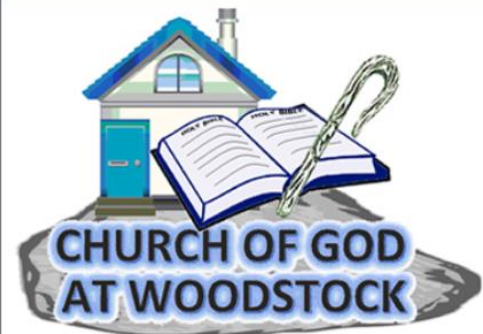
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Romans 7:7

What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for **I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.**



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1 Corinthians 10:10–11 Neither **murmur** ye, as some of them also **murmured**, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them **for ensamples**: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.



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1 Timothy 6:6–8

But godliness with **contentment** is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us **be therewith content**.



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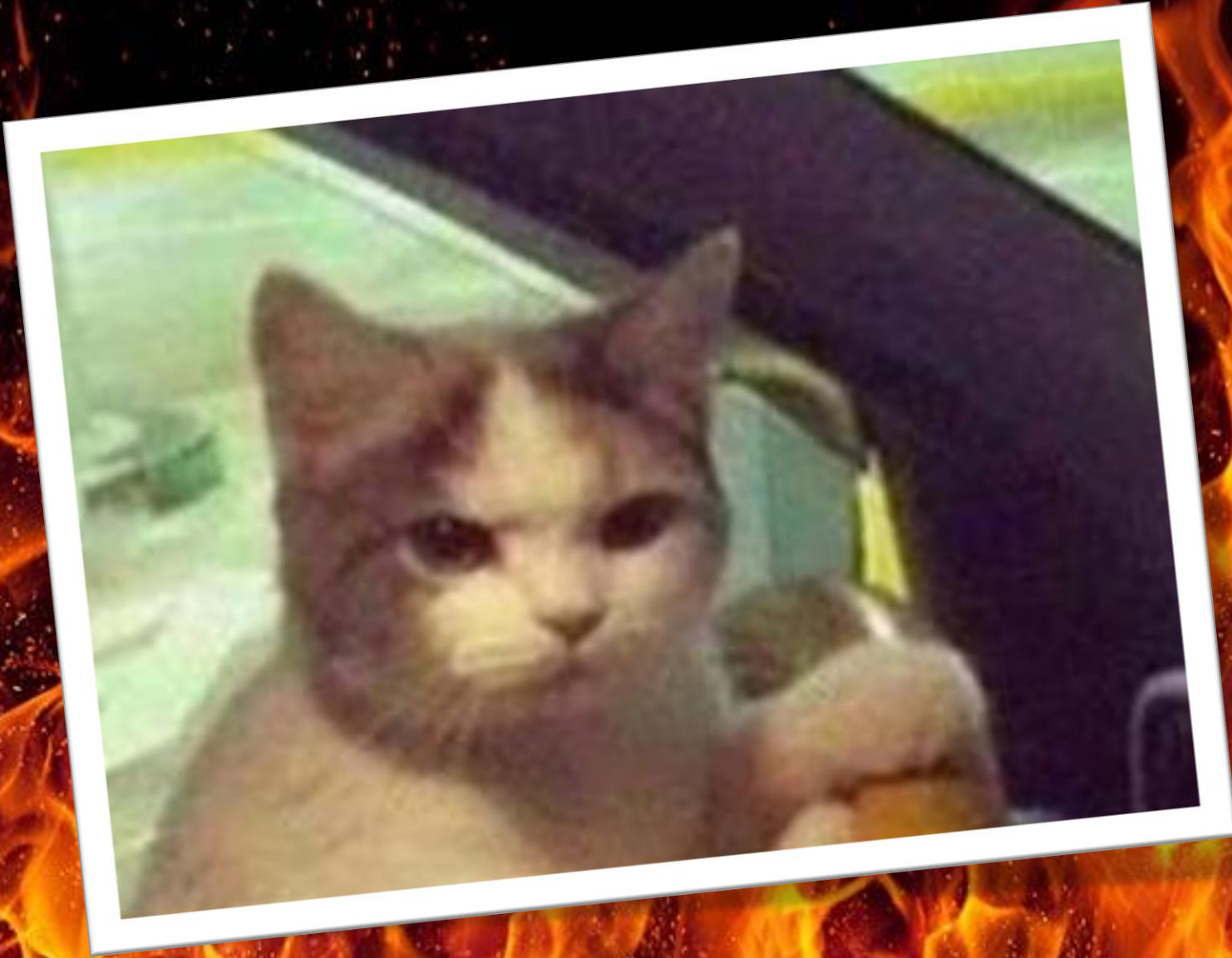
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Now no chastening for the present **seemeth to be joyous, but grievous**: nevertheless...



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Mark 14:34–36

And saith unto them, My soul is **exceeding sorrowful unto death**: tarry ye here, and watch. And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.



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2 Peter 2:7–9

And delivered **just** Lot, **vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked**: (For that **righteous man** dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, **vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds**;) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:



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Genesis 2:19–20

And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to **see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.** And **Adam gave names to all** cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.



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...covetousness, discontent, and murmuring are as natural to man as thorns are to the soil. You have no need to sow thistles and brambles; they come up naturally enough, because they are indigenous to earth, upon which rests the curse; so you have no need to teach men to complain, they complain fast enough without any education. But the precious things of the earth must be cultivated. If we would have wheat, we must plough and sow; if we want flowers, there must be the garden, and all the gardener's care. Now, contentment is one of the flowers of heaven, and if we would have it, it must be cultivated. It will not grow in us by nature; it is the new nature alone that can produce it, and even then we must be specially careful and watchful that we maintain and cultivate the grace which God has sown in it. Paul says, "I have learned to be content;" as much as to say he did not know how at one time.

Charles Spurgeon

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Genesis 3:6

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be **desired** to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her **husband** with her; and he **did eat**.



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1 Samuel 15:23

For **rebellion** is as the sin of witchcraft, and **stubbornness** is as **iniquity and idolatry**.

Because thou **hast rejected the word of the LORD**, he hath also rejected thee from being king.



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Symptoms of Discontentment

- Murmuring and Complaining
- An unstable, tumultuous spirit
- Distracting, heart consuming cares
- Sinking discouragements
- Using improper means of escape from circumstances
- Rebellion



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Matthew 19:23

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a **rich man shall hardly** enter into the kingdom of heaven.





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Romans 1:24

Wherefore God also **gave them up to
uncleanness through the lusts of their own
hearts**, to dishonour their own bodies between
themselves:



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Proverbs 30:7–9

Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die: Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and **deny thee**, and say, **Who is the LORD?** or lest I be poor, **and steal**, and **take the name of my God in vain.**



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Philippians 4:11–12

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Psalm 39:4–7

LORD, make me to **know mine end**, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how **frail I am**. Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah. Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them. And now, Lord, what wait I for? **my hope is in thee.**



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...and it prevents me from experiencing joy for others who either do not suffer from it or have been delivered from it



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...and find no chance for mercy for the oppressor, seeing they have the worse end of it.
[It is far better to bear wrong than to wrong others]



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Romans 8:28

And **we know** that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.



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“Curb discontent as soon as it begins to set out its head. Nip it in the bud, for it is a fire that gathers force by continuing and spreading...Discontent is a striving with God and is like the letting out of waters, which, however small at the beginning, grows to a monstrous bigness if not remedied [early].”

*The Hellish Sin of Discontent, Thomas Boston
(1676-1732)*





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John 14:12–14

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall **he do also**; and **greater works** than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, **that will I do**, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.**



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1 Corinthians 7:20–24

Let every man **abide in the same calling** wherein he was called. Art thou called being a servant? **care not for it:** but if thou **mayest be made free**, use it rather. For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant. **Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.** Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.



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- In His good time, He can bring me out again – how and when He knows.



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Hebrews 12:1–2

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, **and let us run with patience the race that is set before us**, Looking unto **Jesus** the **author and finisher of our faith**; who for the **joy** that was set before him endured the cross, **despising the shame**, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.



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1 Thessalonians 5:18

In **every thing give thanks**: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.



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Colossians 3:1–2

If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **Set your affection on things above**, not on things on the earth.



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Biblical Contentment

Galatians 5:22–23

But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance**: against such there is no law.



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